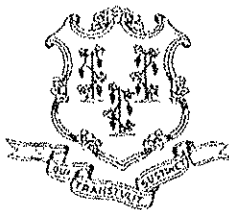


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Hartford, CT 06106

**HB 5270 AN ACT AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR
REVOLVER BY MAIL OR BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

The Department of Public Safety opposes this bill.

This proposed bill would amend sections 29-28 to 29-30 of the general statutes to permit the holder of a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver to renew the permit by mailing or electronically submitting the renewal form and renewal fee.

Permit renewals should be conducted in person to confirm the identity of the person that is renewing their permit. This also allows for a current photograph of the person renewing their permit as well as verification of their status. Driver license renewals require that the applicant appear in person to renew their license and have a new photograph taken. The public safety interest is at least similar, if not greater, in regard to renewal of permits to carry.

There would also be a fiscal impact if this bill were to become law in that it would require an upgrade to the present Special Licensing and Firearms Unit computer system of \$188,160 for startup alone. This would not include the purchase or installation of hardware, network components or additional system software.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Thomas".
James M. Thomas
COMMISSIONER